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LONDON PRESS STILL EXCITED OVER MR. CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE.

Both Morning and Evening Journals Busy Scolding "Brother Jonathan" and Calling Him a Jingo.

PEOPLE NOT INTERESTED

SOME EVEN ASKED REPORTERS, "WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?"

Speech by Ambassador Bayard, at Which He Made Indirect Reference to the War Scare.

SLIGHT FALL IN STOCKS

SITUATION REVIEWED BY THE "THUNDERER'S" NEW YORK MAN.

Comments of the Berlin and Paris Press—The Danger of England's Isolation Pointed Out.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The newspapers here have not yet recovered from the excitement caused by President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan dispute and the publication of Secretary Olney's peppy note to Lord Salisbury. The comments of the evening press are generally in line with the editorials of the "Thunderer" and other morning papers.

The public, however, has not yet become enthused over the prospects of trouble with "Brother Jonathan." At the hotels, clubs, railroad stations, etc., the matter was rarely alluded to to-day. Those who had read the correspondence resented President Cleveland's attitude, but the almost invariable answer received to the reporter's inquiries for an expression of opinion was: "What is it all about, anyway?"

The message, however, was used on the Stock Exchange to-day to hammer American securities. Consols also declined, but there was no excitement, and prices recovered somewhat before the close. At Manchester the message created a panic at the opening of the Stock Exchange, but it soon passed away. A dispatch from Liverpool says the message has thoroughly disorganized the American railroad market of the Stock Exchange.

The merchants do not expect a rise in the price of wheat as the result of the message. One of the largest wheat merchants in Liverpool said to-day: "President Cleveland's message has had no effect upon trade. The matter is noted as an absurdity. In the event of war, America would suffer the most in the grain trade." One newspaper remarked, this evening: "The Yankee jobbers are the only persons injured by the message, and they have just ground for complaint."

The officials of the British Foreign Office declined to express an opinion on the question, and the same attitude of reserve was maintained at the United States embassy here. United States Ambassador Bayard arrived at the embassy at an early hour looking worried. He declined to see any one, saying that the matter was much too grave to discuss. Everybody at the embassy, however, read with eagerness, the comments of the American press, which were called here.

The Press Association, this evening, says: "Neither the Foreign Office nor the colonial officials have anything to say about the message, which, however, does not appear, officially, to be regarded with alarm. We are assured that in unusually well-informed quarters there is a shrewd suspicion regarding the real state of the message, and this is regarded as sufficient justification for declining to take President Cleveland too seriously."

BAYARD AT A BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, at the Hotel Metropole, to-night, was the occasion of a notable demonstration of good feeling toward United States Ambassador Thomas F. Bayard, which shows that the dramatic profession in England has the kindest feeling for America and Americans, to which it owes so much, and from which it has so much to hope. The guests who sat down to the banquet numbered 150 actors and dramatists, among them being George Alexander, S. B. Bancroft, Edward O'Connor Terry and Henry Arthur Jones. Sir Francis Jeune presided, and at his right sat Mr. Bayard. The entertainment was most successful, and the evening was a most enjoyable one.

The evening Standard, observing that "it seems impossible for any public man to issue a document in more offensive terms," recalls the Sackville-West incident and says: "It is a fresh attempt for the Irish vote and the tag-rag of the large towns."

The Morning Blusterers Again.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Telegraph (Liberal) publishes an editorial this morning which reproaches the British and European journals for "taking too seriously the White House bluster, which is a mere political dodge. The New York World," the article continues, "takes the commonplace view that Cleveland's fusillade of threats and intimations is a serious menace to the peace of the world, and it is pitiable to see nervous people on the Stock Exchange lending themselves to the financial side of this electioneering coup. War between England and America is as impossible as it would be horrible, and for English journals to talk of war is a midsummer madness."

The financial article in the Times refers to the depression on the Stock Exchange and says of it: "The comparative slightness of the decline indicates that those best able to form an opinion discount the value of the war scare. Nevertheless, the situation is regarded as being serious. It is impossible to measure accurately to what extent confidence has been shaken by President Cleveland's message, but it is certain that a grave obstacle has been placed in the way of various issues contemplated by American railroad companies and also of any projected issue of American bonds while a reduction of the gold in the American treasury is only too probable as a result of the grave uneasiness created by the message. If the alarm increases, there will probably be a decided curtailment of the credits now granted to American houses by London firms."

The Daily News, the Liberal organ, has two editorials, the first of which deals with the compliance of Congress with President Cleveland's demand by passing Mr. Hitt's bill appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose of the proposed commission. The Daily News says of this: "It was hardly to be expected that they would do otherwise. The message was artfully designed to inflame the feelings of his fellow-countrymen. The plot was well laid, and President Cleveland has achieved his immediate object. In the long run, however, Americans will recognize that their country's credit has been lowered." The Daily News continues: "The

hands across the swelling main." The Ambassador then resumed his seat amid a scene of unusual enthusiasm.

BRITISH PRESS BLUSTER.

Comments of the London Evening Newspapers on the Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The editorial comments of the New York World and the New York Evening Post on the situation are reprinted here with approval, as indicating American opinion of the situation. The Radical evening newspapers take the most sensible view of the situation. The Star, in double column, asks, "Is it war?" Editorially the Star remarks: "It is difficult to exaggerate the gravity of the situation. The United States may be assured that Englishmen, regardless of party, will abide firmly by Lord Salisbury's claims and will not submit to a blow."

"Public opinion," says the Westminster Gazette, "will unanimously support Lord Salisbury, but it is a pity he enlarged the dispute and attacked the Monroe doctrine. The fact is that the present situation is the result of an unfortunate combination; on the one side a Foreign Secretary who was once a Saturday Reviewer, and who could not avoid the temptation of scoring in an argument, and on the other side a President who could not resist the temptation of scoring in an electoral campaign, but the mass of the people of both countries regard the possibility of war on any such issue with blank incredulity."

The Evening News says: "The election dodge need not give us a moment's uneasiness."

The St. James Gazette heads its article on the Venezuelan developments, "War or Wire Pulling," and says: "President Cleveland's language, in the mouth of a European diplomat, would mean the instant mobilization of armies. It is rather too late or too soon to say that the British Empire and Canada, but Canada, the pretensions of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney are so exaggerated and the language so offensive that one could not be surprised if there was a similar explosion of violence here. But Lord Salisbury has kept his temper. On these matters of correspondence, and the nation will do likewise until the time comes when we shall do well to be angry, and that time may come. We are all anxious to give the American government no opportunity of forcing it."

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